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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, UR, SY, LE

SUBJECT: ALLEGED BREZHNEV LETTER TO ASAD: JULY 11

REF: DAMASCUS 4796

1. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, MFA DEPCHIEF, NEARBEASTERN COUNTRIES DEPARTMENT, PYRLIN SUGGESTED TO POLCOUNSELOR ON JULY 21 THAT ALLEGED JULY 11 BREZHNEV LETTER TO ASAD PRINTED IN LE MONDE JULY 20 WAS PRODUCT OF "NUMBER TWO MAN IN LEBANSES CP, NADIM." WHEN ASKED WHY CPL WOULD WANT TO PUBLISH SUCH A DOCUMENT, PYRLIN SHRUGGED AND SAID, "IT'S THE MIDDLE EAST."

2. EMBASSY ASSUMES PYRLIN WAS TALKING ABOUT NADIM ABDUL SAMAD, SECRETARY, POLITBURO, CPL. IN ANY CASE, ARAB DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW INCLUDING SYRIAN COUNSELOR BAROUDI DO NOT SEEM VERY EXCITED ABOUT LETTER.

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